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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Joint Application of American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways PLC
for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for
an Alliance Agreement under 49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309
Docket OST-2001-10387 - 46**

**and
Joint Application of American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways PLC
for Blanket Code-Share Authorizations and Related Exemptions
Docket OST-2001-10388 - 30**

**NOTICE SHORTENING ANSWER PERIOD
AND DIRECTING APPLICANTS TO FILE COPIES OF CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBITS**

On September 6, 2001, Northwest Airlines filed a Motion for Extension of Procedural Dates in this proceeding, in which it requests that any answers to its motion be required by September 10, 2001. Under the Department's regulations (14 CFR 302.11), answers to the motion would normally be due September 14, 2001. We agree with Northwest that the issues it raises should be addressed expeditiously, and by this Notice, we are calling for answers to this Motion to be filed by Monday, September 10, 2001.

We shall serve this notice on all persons on the service list in both dockets. As we did for Continental's recent motion in the above-captioned dockets shortening the answer period for that motion, we are e-mailing parties to notify them of this notice.

By this notice, we also direct American Airlines and British Airways to file 2 additional sets of their confidential exhibits in the docket by no later than Monday, September 10. Moreover, at the Dockets facility, Parties will be permitted to make copies of the exhibits for use by persons who have filed confidentiality affidavits.

By:

SUSAN MCDERMOTT
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for Aviation and International Affairs

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Dated: September 6, 2001

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